

Animal adaptations

Read the key idea. Then label, match and sort the adaptations.

An **adaptation** is a body part or a behaviour that helps a living thing survive where it lives. Polar bears live on the sea ice of the Arctic, where it is very cold.

1 Label the polar bear's adaptations. Use the word bank.

WORD BANK

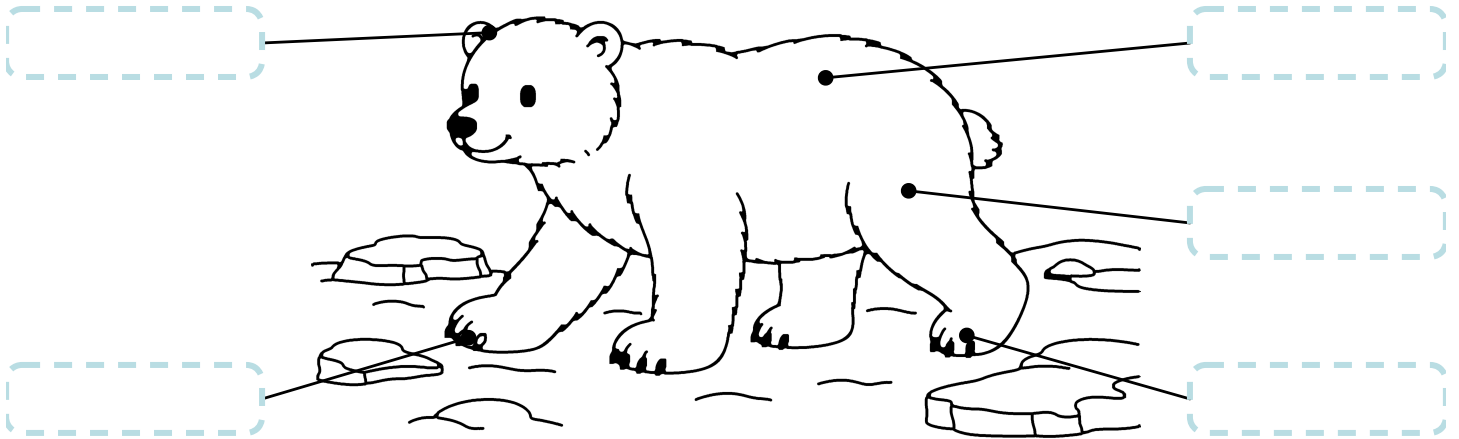
small ears

sharp claws

thick fur

layer of fat

big wide paws



2 Draw a line from each animal to its adaptation.



duck



strong front teeth to cut down trees



owl



webbed feet for paddling in water



hummingbird



sharp spines that protect it



beaver



a long, thin beak to sip nectar from flowers



hedgehog



big eyes to see at night

3 Is it a body part or a behaviour? Fill in the bubble.

1. Canada geese fly south in the fall.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour

3. A black bear sleeps through the winter.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour

5. An opossum plays dead when it is scared.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour

2. A turtle has a hard shell.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour

4. A snowshoe hare grows white fur for winter.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour

6. A moose has long legs for deep snow.

☐ body part ☐ behaviour